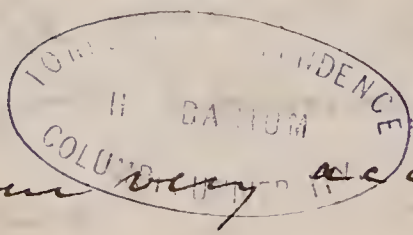


Phila<sup>a</sup>. Nov. 24. 1817.

My dear Sir,



Your very acceptable letter

dated a few days ere your departure from Wilmington accompanied by a packet of plants came to me just on the point of setting off for Bucks County, and now just returned. I find a subsequent one from the same place, together with one this day rec<sup>d</sup>. from Norfolk dated the 20<sup>th</sup> inst. You will perceive then that it is not possible for me to enter on any detail of a Botanical nature on the interesting contents of the two former, and even this hasty reply will hardly reach you step in time. I will however say two words in relation to the *Scirpus* you found at Washington, which I did in compliance with your wish examine and compare with your own descriptions & with specimens of my own considered as *Scirpus autumnalis*, which if not the same, comes very near to *S. mucronatus* Michx. Your plant say the single specimen you sent me fits well your description save that you call the culm terete I find it completely flat, and with my best means on the whole, which may be poor at best, of judging. I am most inclined to consider it as a low perhaps stunted



variety of *S. autumnalis*. But you on the spot among living plants and in possession of many specimens ought to be a better judge in the case. I note what you remark on some copies of Mr. Elliott's work which you expect, in regard to which, I wish you had entered a little more in detail, for tho' your manner and style is generally very clear and comprehensive, on the present occasion I am somewhat at a loss to know what you wish me to do - but Mr. Kinsley will doubtless explain and I certainly shall be ready to comply with any wish of yours in the case - I had a year ago a prospectus of Mr. E. to which I procured a dozen names and could have got more, but was told Mr. E. in his Agent <sup>in D.C.</sup> had or was about to have an agent here, which prevented me from increasing my list, for the inconvenience and expense in distributing a work coming from a distant place, in numbers at distant periods of time is great - with all my care where 12 names are only come across, the parties are scattered, some delivered, some not, part paid for and one if not two lost or mis-carried. The business it seems to me is more especially that of a Bookseller - Should

this reach me say particularly what you  
would have me do. If the mere sending to  
Wilmington the copies forwarded for you to Mr  
Kunze be all, that is nothing — who are the  
parties you speak of? I presume they are

Booksellers — It is now 12 at night.  
let the time claim your indulgence for the  
hasty manner of the present scrawl —

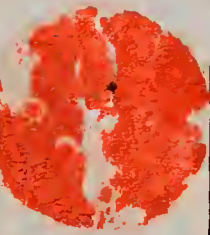
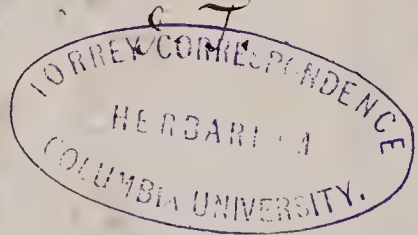
accept my thanks again  
together with my best wishes  
for your health & prosperity.

a dear

L. C.

[Zaccheus Collins]

D. B. Baldwin





Received Nov. 29th.  
1877. No. 40 m. d.

*Wm*  
Dr Wm Baldwin  
of the U. S. Frigate  
the Congress  
at Norfolk  
Virginia



Phila<sup>a</sup>

April 22. 1819

Dr Torrey

Dear Sir,

LIBRARY  
NEW YORK  
BOTANICAL  
GARDEN.

Do not in this late offer  
 of thanks for your letter of Dec. last  
 refuse them on acc<sup>t</sup>. of my seeming  
 neglect. In truth, I waited to go  
 over the little packet first, in which  
 I perceived some very small specimens  
 without fructifications. On the Penn<sup>a</sup>.  
 mountains last summer I met with  
 an accident, blinding me for a week,  
 which since has subjected my eyes  
 to occasional inflammations, and I  
 have lately been forbidden to submit  
 them to any severe test & tell the  
 present tendency be subdued. Hence  
 I rest for these 4 months at  
 tempted critically to behold a minute  
 thing in natural history. My  
 sight is now better, & I hope will  
 be quite as before the injury.



Mr. Rafenique called on me last week  
to say you were desirous to know the  
locality of the Blue Iron Earth.

The principal one whence the specimens  
are obtained I have never visited  
but it is on the waters of Crosswick  
creek not far from Allen town

It was there discovered more than  
50 years ago, used as a pigment  
and a notice of it published in  
a magazine of those days.

If you wish to visit the place  
many persons in that neighborhood  
would put you a proper direction

I shall have the pleasure  
of writing you again, I trust  
ere long.

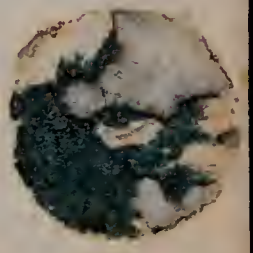
yours respectfully  
L. Collins

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Stachurs Boston  
April 22<sup>nd</sup>. 1819.



Dr John Torrey  
New York

Wm. Le Conte Esq.

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